

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Referring a  
Ballot Measure on County Sheriff  
Public Safety Local Option Levy



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**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the voters of Clackamas County approved the Public Safety Option Levy for a duration of 5 years. In 2011 and again in 2016 the voters approved the renewal of that same levy. The levy is now scheduled to expire on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuation of the services provided from the revenues raised from the existing levy, which are estimated to be \$13 million annually, are of critical importance to the public's safety in Clackamas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Public Safety Local Option Levy can be renewed for a period of five years from 2022-2027 without an increase in taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the property tax proceeds generated from the existing levy are not sufficient to fund the level of public safety services contemplated by the levy when it was initially passed in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, an increased levy amount will maintain the current levels of service contemplated by the existing levy and also add and improve critical service levels by providing mental health/medical beds in the jail, body-worn cameras on sworn deputies, and additional patrol deputies, jail deputies, and detectives to support Sheriff's Office critical functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated total outlay for the purposes of the public safety local option levy are estimated at \$117,91 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Clackamas County should be allowed to vote on a new Public Safety Option Levy during the May 2021 election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:**

1. A Ballot Measure is hereby referred to the voters of Clackamas County regarding a five-year County Sheriff Public Safety Local Option Levy substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and related explanatory statement, subject to ministerial correction by staff.
2. An election shall be held in Clackamas County on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

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3. The County hereby authorizes the Chair, the County Administrator, and County Counsel or their designees to submit, sign, and otherwise take all necessary action to effectuate the foregoing and to file the ballot title with the County Clerk for publication.

**DATED** this 25th day of February 2021.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Vice - Chair  
  
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Recording Secretary